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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'BRONZE SUNSET'

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is  
10 'BRONZE SUNSET'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I  
15 am aware, is its orange flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding  
20 propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the  
flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as  
it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color  
illustration of this character.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded  
plants of the new variety , with color terminology in accordance  
with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The  
terminology used in color description herein refers to plate  
numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression  
may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural  
10 conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown  
outdoors in Wasco, California, during November.

#### PLANT

15 Form: Spreading  
Growth: Vigorous; sprawling  
Size: Height about 52 inches; width  
about 48 inches  
Foliage  
20 Size: Length about 2 1/2 inches;  
width about 1 9/16 inches  
Quantity: About 5  
Color  
25 New foliage: Upper side near 137B; under  
side near 148A  
Mature foliage: Upper side near 139A; under  
side near 137B  
Texture  
30 Upper side: Smooth  
Under side: Matte  
Edge: Serrated  
Petioles: Top surface color near 138C;  
35 Under side near 138C

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Stipules: Medium length  
Auricle: Light red brown near 59C  
fading to green near 137B  
Rachis: Few prickles  
Variegation: Slight

WOOD

10 New shoots

Bark: Smooth  
Wood: Near 59C

Old wood

15 Bark: Lots of prickles  
Wood: Near 137D

Flowering stem: Length about 5 1/2 inches

Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy

20 Resistance to Disease: Fair

Temperature range: Between 26° and 120° F

Internode spacing: Irregular

Preferred growing conditions: Likes full sun

25 Growth habit: Vigorous

Leaves per stem: About 5

FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

Blooming Habit: Recurrent

30 Bud About 4 1/4 inches

Form: Triangular

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5 Color: Before sepals divide color near 169A; when sepals first divide color near 170B; when petals begin to unfurl color near 41A

10 Sepals: Regular  
Size: Length in relation to bud, about 1 1/4 inches  
Color: Topside near 164B; bottom near 137C

15 Peduncle  
Length: About 2 1/2 inches  
Strength: Strong  
Color: Near 148C

20 Flower  
Size: About 4 1/4 inches  
Borne: Single  
Form: Relative good form; high centered; unfurls to loose ruffled at maturity

25 Petalage: About 25  
Petaloids in center: None  
Persistence: Normal  
Fragrance: Slight

30 Lasting Quality: About 2 weeks on plant; about 6 days after cutting  
Color

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During first 2 days:

Inner petals at flower center  
topside near 41A; bottom near  
19A; outer petals topside  
near 43A, bottom near 16C

Base of petals

(Point of attachment):

Near 17B

General tonality from a  
distance:

Bronze

Color Change:

Slightly darkens; remains the  
same after 3 or more days

Petals

Texture:

Thick / rigid

Shape:

Wide at top, tapered to  
narrow bottom

Arrangement:

Loose around pistils

Appearance:

Satiny

#### REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Arrangement of stamens,  
Filaments and Anthers:

Near 163B; regularly arranged  
around styles

Color:

Filaments near 162C; Anthers  
near 161C

Pollen:

Near 168A

Styles:

Bunched, uneven length

Stigmas:

Normal; color near 16C

Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

Shape:

Oval

Size:

About 1/2 inch

Color:

Near 143B

Seeds:

No seeds